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Kansas City, Missouri 64106

Kansas Department of Health and Environment,
Bureau of Water – Watershed Management Section
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Army Corps of Engineers and Kansas Department of Health & Environment:

RE: Permit No. 2006-1014

The Board of Directors of the Gardner Area Chamber of Commerce recognizes the need to guard the natural environment and ensure that the health and safety of citizens is protected. We have examined the existing conditions of the creek in question and the proposed wildlife/wetlands area and believe that the proposed changes provide a far better environment than the current erosion-prone creek bed.

We believe that all arguments against the re-alignment of the creek are based upon a desire to terminate or delay the proposed BNSF intermodal facility, rather than any direct environmental concerns that may be stated in regards to the creek. In other words, absent the BNSF proposal, environmental concerns with this proposal would disappear and it would be lauded as an improvement to the environment.

We encourage you to recognize the improvements that this proposal offers and grant the requested permit.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Solie", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Peter Solie, President